

# YOUR PROBLEMS

by Ann Landers



## 'It Isn't the End Of the World . . .'

Dear Ann Landers: My problem may seem trivial to you but it is breaking my heart.

Ever since I can remember I have looked forward to the biggest social event of a teenager's life—the Junior-Senior Prom. I used to dream about what I would wear and how I would have my hair fixed. I even planned things to say, and how to say goodnight to my folks when we left the house.

Well, all my dreams are shattered because nobody has asked me to go. All my friends have been invited to go and I've been hoping that maybe a few of the boys who have been pleasant to me were just bashful, and holding off. But now I am sure I will not be asked at all.

How can I hold back the tears when I hear the girls discussing their gowns and all the last minute details? I hate for them to pity me but I am sure they are doing that right now. Please give me some help. I am—CRUSHED

Dear Crushed: If you knew of the number of letters I have received similar to yours you wouldn't feel so "alone." And this is one of the sad things about proms or any special event where some people are bound to be left out. It DOES hurt.

But it isn't the end of the world, Honey. You will survive the blow and it will fade from memory. Life can be tough and disappointments and heartaches come to everyone sooner or later. Nobody escapes. So consider this disappointment as one of the trials that must be faced. And remember, it's not what happens to us but how we take it that counts.

Dear Ann Landers: It's obvious that you don't know anything about brewing tea—or the proper use of teabags.

When a woman wrote and asked what to do with the sloppy-looking thing, you said a guest should not be faced with the problem—that the hostess should remove the tea bag in the kitchen.

The idea of the tea bag is so that each person can brew tea to his own taste. Some people like it weak, and others like it brisk. What sense is there in having a tea bag if it is going to be removed in the kitchen? It's a good thing you aren't the food editor or you'd starve to death.

Dear Lover: Many food editors who are not starving to death wrote to tell me I was off base with my answer. Your letter, however, was the sweetest. Thank you. So, three lashes with a wet tea bag for (Continued on Page 19)

## Graduate Is Honored At Open House

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Thomsen, 1447 El Prado, entertained at an open house, following graduation ceremonies at Bishop Montgomery High School, last Sunday afternoon honoring their daughter, Kathi.

An arrangement of orchids flanked by candles decorated the buffet table.

Guests were Rev. and Mrs. Gilbert Zimmerman, Messrs. and Mmes. O. A. Kresse, Walter Clausen, Ralph Ruffraff of Torrance; Herman Mitchell of Rolling Hills; Paul Meacham, Hermosa.

Also, Mmes. Paul Loranger and Willys Blount, Torrance; David Mitchell and Charles Eade, Lomita.

Others were Misses Alicia Loranger, Annabeth Blount, Margot Melville, Ginger Zimmerman and Gayle Hyde, Torrance; Nancy Maniewicz, Gardena; Lucian Esposito, Long Beach.

Also, Jack Anderson, Tom Thomsen, Dan Zimmerman, Franklin Blount and Ted Meier, Torrance; Michael Conter and Peter Daniel, Los Angeles.



**GIRLS STATE DELEGATES . . .** These juniors from four high schools in Torrance will attend the annual Girls State at UC, Davis Campus under the sponsorship of the Bert S. Crossland Unit 170, American Legion Auxiliary. They are from left, Colleen O'Hara, Bishop Montgomery; Rosemary Heath, South High; back row, Judy Wolford, North and Jane Allen, Torrance High. (Herald Photo)

## Americanism—Its Duties and Privileges Auxiliary Sponsors Four Students For Annual Girls State June 17-25

This year the Bert S. Crossland Unit 170, American Legion Auxiliary, is sponsoring four girls who will attend the 20th annual session of California Girls State to be held June 17-25 at the University of California Davis campus. Over 500 junior girls from high schools over the state will attend the session.

Girls' State is an educational program of "youth in government" from which the entire community benefits, according to Mrs. Alma Smith, Girls State chairman of the local auxiliary. It is an outstanding Americanism program and as such has been presented a Freedom Foundation Award.

Candidates, limited to one junior girl from each high school, are selected by the faculty of the school. Selection is based upon outstanding qualities of leadership, scholarship, character, cooperativeness and physical fitness.

Girls chosen to attend Girls State from the Torrance high

schools are Colleen O'Hara, Bishop Montgomery; Jane Allen, Torrance High; Rosemary Heath, South; and Judy Wolford, North.

Colleen is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle O'Hara, 1615 Fern Ave. At Montgomery she is a past president of the Latin Club, is a member of the Athletic Assn., on the Dean's Honor Roll, is Junior Class secretary, student body secretary-elect, and is on the drill team. Her major interest is sports.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Allen, 804 Maple, are parents of the Torrance high representative. Jane is a member of the California Scholarship Federation, Theatricals, French Club, GAA, and Rally Club. Her college major will be business administration.

Rosemary Heath of South High is the daughter of the Edward Heaths, 2409 Faircross Ave. Rosemary's major field of interest is speech and home economics. She is vice president of the Athena

Service Club, secretary of National Forensic League, front page editor of Sword and Shield, is a member of California Scholarship Federation, Civil Defense program and Junior Class committee.

Judy Wolford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Wolford, was president of the Junior class at North High during the first semester. She is a candidate for Student Body president, past secretary of the Latin and Forensic clubs. Her major interests are speech and government.

Alternate delegates are Kathleen Scott, Bishop Montgomery; Phyllis Tatum, Torrance High; Joyce Weekly, North; and Jo Anne Barkus, South.

In the Girls State program, the students learn city and state government through actual participation in setting up mythical cities, counties, state. Stress is placed on the privileges, duties and responsibilities of American citizenship.

## Celebrates 95th Birthday

# She Was Here When It All Began, Witnessed 1912 City Founding

Mrs. Phoebe Sykes, 1521 Cota Ave., who was 95 years young last Saturday, took a 300-mile car ride with her son, William Sykes, and her sister, Mrs. Ivy Haut, 1407 Amapola, to celebrate the day. The trio had lunch in Oxnard and a special birthday dinner at a restaurant in Mint Canyon.

Mrs. Sykes has another sister, Mrs. Ella Fitzgerald, in England and nieces and nephews in other parts of the world who sent their greetings on her 95th birthday.

The nonagenarian, who enjoys good health and is never happier than when traveling, was born May 25, 1868, in Huddersfield, Yorkshire, England. She came to California Oct. 17, 1911 and made her home on Chestnut Street in Lomita, which is now 238th Street. In April 1918, she moved to 1521 Cota in Torrance where she is still residing with her son, who was retired last year after 38 years with Columbia Steel.

Mrs. Sykes had the Times and Examiner agency and delivered the first papers in Torrance. She had a tent store on the Vernon Tool Co. land in 1912, later moving into Five Points on Carson and then into the PE station where she operated the newsstand for many years.

The long-time resident is a charter member of the Torrance Eastern Star and was Royal Matron of the Lomita Court, Order of Amaranth in 1946, at the age of 78. She was also a grand officer two

years later. Mrs. Sykes is a past Noble Grand of the Trio Rebekah Lodge and is now a member of the Torrance Rebekah Lodge. When she was 90 years old, she joined the Messiah White Shrine.

When the Torrance Post Office opened, Mrs. Sykes, in

a model T Ford, transported the mail from Torrance to Lomita.

At her newsstand, she offered for sale the first editions of the TORRANCE HERALD published Jan. 1, 1914. She is one of the HERALD's oldest subscribers.



**MRS. PHOEBE SYKES . . .** Holds Gift from Rhodesia

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## Shower Fetes Miss Day, Bride-elect

Miss Suzanne Day, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Day, 1622 Beech Ave., who will be married to Jack Taylor on June 29, was complimented at a miscellaneous shower on Sunday afternoon given by Mrs. Jack Ricci and daughter, Sharon, at their Beech Avenue home.

An effective pink and white color theme was used by the hostesses. A pink umbrella over a floral arrangement formed the centerpiece. The colors were also used in the tea sandwiches and salad which were served with coffee.

Bringing gifts for the June bride-elect were Mmes. Earl Green, Richard Ruffell, Jack Taylor, Don Mitchell, Earl Hammack, Don Dunkleberger, Gilbert Derouin, Dorothy Hill, and Luther Day.

Also, Misses Kasey Crossman, Lindy Roettger, Carol Cromer, Kathy Sweeney and Susan Hammack.

## Woman's Club Will Install Wednesday

Installation of officers will highlight the final meeting of the year of the Torrance Woman's Club to be held Wednesday, June 5, at the clubhouse. Mrs. A. F. R. Ewalt, past president, will conduct the installation.

A business meeting will follow a catered luncheon.

## League Auxiliary To Meet Monday

The Torrance American Little League Women's Auxiliary will meet Monday evening, June 3, at 8 p.m. at the Calle Mayor school auditorium. Mrs. Ray Gros, president, will conduct the meeting. A social hour with games, door prizes and refreshments will follow.

All mothers of American Little League members are asked to attend.



**FASHION DELIGHT . . .** Admiring Travilla gown to be modeled at the fashion show highlighting Mount Sinai Hospital's seventh annual donor luncheon Wednesday, June 12 in the International Ballroom of the Beverly Hilton Hotel are from left, Mmes. Sidney Carter, past president of the Mildred Strauss Child Care Center, and Irvin Schwartz, president of the Miracle Drug Chapter. (Brush photo)

## At Beverly Hilton June 12

# Fashion Luncheon For Mount Sinai Hospital

"Fashion Flight Unlimited" is the title of the haute couture fashion show which will highlight Mount Sinai Hospital's seventh annual donor luncheon on Wednesday, June 12, in the International Ballroom of the Beverly Hilton Hotel. The show is being produced for the fourth consecutive year by fabric importer and designer Charles Volk. Commentator will be Donna Lucas, retail coordinator for the Celanese Corp.

Irving Glasband, president of the Mount Sinai Council of Auxiliaries and Affiliates announced that 1500 members of the hospital's supporting groups are expected to attend the affair. Funds raised will help support the free and part-pay patient care program provided the community by Cedars of Lebanon-Mount Sinai Hospitals.

The fashion show, the first West Coast showing of Celanese imports, emphasizes the international look, and features ultra-chic gowns for daytime and evening, modeled by Hollywood's most beautiful mannequins. The European

## Mrs. Regina Cunningham Feted on 75th Birthday

Mrs. Regina Cunningham, 825 Sartori Ave., was honored at a surprise reception last Sunday afternoon at the Nativity parish hall in celebration of her 75th birthday. The party was given by Mrs. Cunningham's daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Don Milligan of Bellflower, her sons and their wives, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Cunningham of Torrance; Mr. and Mrs. James Cunningham of Phoenix, Ariz.; and Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Cunningham of Fallon, Nev.

Mrs. Cunningham and her late husband, Michael, came to Torrance from Duluth, Minn., in 1943. He was employed as an engineer boiler inspector at Johns Mansville Co. prior to his death in 1947.

Besides her three sons and one daughter, Mrs. Cunningham has 14 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Her youngest son, Daniel, gave his life in the second World War.

The birthday celebrant is a member of the Gold Star Mothers, Inc., Torrance chapter; Nativity Altar Society,

Catholic Daughters, World Mission Group, and the Torrance American Legion Auxiliary.

For Sunday's party, a three-tiered birthday cake decorated with pink roses and silver leaves held a small book on which was inscribed "Bless You on Your Birthday." Atop the cake was a glittering "75".

Mrs. Cunningham was presented a corsage of pink roses and gladioli, a gift from her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Approximately 100 friends and relatives were on hand to offer congratulations. A special guest was the Rev. Joseph Cremins, pastor at Nativity. The honoree also received many birthday cards from friends unable to attend the party.

After the reception, family members gathered at the Cunningham home for dinner. At 7 p.m. Mrs. Cunningham received a telephone call from her son, Patrick and wife, of Fallon, Nev., who were unable to be here for the celebration.

## Leathermans Mark 50th Anniversary with Trip

To celebrate their Golden Wedding anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Leatherman, 912 Cota, who have lived in Torrance since 1920, made a three weeks trip by train to Cape May, New Jersey, where they were guests of their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Leatherman and daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Leatherman were married May 9, 1913, in Los Angeles. They moved to Torrance in 1920 when Mr. Leatherman accepted a job with the Pacific Electric Co. He retired nine years ago.

Their son, Wendell Leatherman, is chief gunner at the Coast Guard Receiving Center at Cape May. On their anniversary date, May 9, the Wendell Leathermans entertained at a dinner party at a restaurant in Cape May in their honor. A highlight of their visit was an invitation

from Secretary of the Treasury C. Douglas Dillon to attend ceremonies at which the Secretary awarded medals to three Coast Guardsmen for outstanding services.

The Leathermans have two other sons, Everett of Huntington Beach; Kenneth of Gardena; and a daughter, Mrs. Dave Figueredo of Torrance. Mr. and Mrs. Leatherman are both members of the Redondo Beach Senior Citizens Club. They received many cards and remembrances from local friends on their anniversary.

## Weekend Trip

Joining the Northrop Rock and Gem Club for a weekend in the Cady Mountains, near Ludlow, Calif., were three local couples, Messrs. and Mmes. Erwin Moudy, Roy Apsey and Ronald Rudy,



**MRS. REGINA CUNNINGHAM . . .** With Birthday Cake